

*Mission: To make The Village of Spring Hill (TVSH) a neighborhood center by improving the pedestrian, aesthetic and commercial amenities of the area.*



## McGregor Makeover

Sidewalks on South McGregor Avenue and accompanying road improvements are finally a work in progress! The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. (TVSH) has dreamed of and worked toward the installation of sidewalks on McGregor for almost ten years. Though we did not receive the highly competitive state TAP grant the City applied for on our behalf, City Council members **Joel Daves** and **Gina Gregory** (whose districts overlap parts of the McGregor corridor) shared our passion for the project. They agreed to fund the majority of the cost as a Capital Improvement Project, made possible by the renewal of the 1% sales tax. The community rallied around the project as well and raised \$50,000 from private contributions, which, when added to Sidewalk-A-Thon proceeds, enabled TVSH to contribute \$80,000 to the sidewalk portion of the project as an incentive. Thank you to all who helped make this possible! And thank you to Joel and Gina for partnering with us and working so hard for the Village!

Sidewalks are only a part of this mammoth undertaking. The City determined that extensive infrastructure upgrades needed to be made at the time the sidewalks were installed. The project has been challenging with the twists and turns of McGregor Avenue, the drainage improvements, the added curb and gutter infrastructure, the street re-paving, and of course the RAIN! But everyone has patiently persevered, and all eagerly await the completion of another outstanding project for the Village.

Enhancing the neighborhood ambiance of our new sidewalks will be an Old Mobile bench placed along the route just south of Spring Bank Road by **T. Lee Robinson and family** in memory of Helen Robinson, who was one of The Village of Spring Hill's earliest supporters and advisors. Another bench will be placed in the sharp curve near the intersection of McGregor Avenue and Vickers Lane by a friend of The Village of Spring Hill.

Phase II of the project on the *west* side of McGregor Avenue will begin in 2018. When all is complete, at a cost of over \$1,000,000, McGregor Avenue will indeed shine, with sidewalks on both

sides all the way from Old Shell Road to Dauphin Street! It will be a point of pride for all of Mobile.



*It takes a Village to build sidewalks!*

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# Steps along the Sidewalks

## Sidewalk-A-Thon Success

Who could have imagined that children would establish one of the most significant fund-raising efforts for the Village? Since the very first Sidewalk-A-Thon in 2012, Village children and event sponsors have contributed almost \$200,000 for additional sidewalks! The importance cannot be overemphasized. These funds have been critical to The Village of Spring Hill, Inc.'s efforts to provide the engineering costs and the 20% matching funds required for TAP grants the City of Mobile has been awarded on our behalf. Sidewalk-A-Thon proceeds have helped make possible sidewalks along Old Shell Road and those now in progress along South McGregor Avenue. Sidewalks were the #1 request of residents at our first community meeting in 2006, and walkers of all ages can now be found all along the routes from daylight to dusk.

TVSH Board of Directors has been very involved in the annual Sidewalk-A-Thons since the beginning. Former board member **Susan Carley** gave outstanding leadership to the first event in 2012. Other current or former board members who have chaired the event are **Bonnie Fuchs**, **Bradley Sanders**, and **Buff Teague**. Board member **Sherry Pierce** is now in her third year of serving as chair of the event.

The 2017 Sidewalk-A-Thon raised a record \$44,500, thanks to the children who participated and the generous sponsors of the event. TVSH wishes to gratefully acknowledge the major corporate sponsors of the 2017 Sidewalk-A-Thon.



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Thank you, children; thank you, sponsors; and thank you, residents, for helping us realize the vision for a truly walkable community!

### Do's and Don'ts of Sidewalks

Please visit our website [www.TVOSH.com](http://www.TVOSH.com) to learn how you can help care for our wonderful sidewalks!

## Bit and Spur Sidewalks

no more bits and pieces!

Engineering plans are being finalized for sidewalks on the north side of Bit and Spur Road, beginning at the commercial area on Old Shell Road and continuing west all the way to University Boulevard. The project will include repairs to a small "piece" of sidewalks already in place along the route and connect it to the new sidewalks. Construction is expected to begin in the fall of this year. The Village of Spring Hill, Inc. is once again responsible for the engineering costs and the 20% match of the state \$200,000 Transportation Alternative Program (TAP) grant that was awarded for the construction. Our total obligation is approximately \$60,000. *Fundraising is ongoing for this project.* Please consider a contribution to help fund another great addition to our sidewalk network.



*The Need for Sidewalks!*

## Sidewalks beyond Myrtlewood

This year the City of Mobile, through the efforts of The Village of Spring Hill, Inc., was awarded another state TAP grant for sidewalk construction. The grant of \$200,000 will fund sidewalks on the north side of Old Shell Road from Myrtlewood Lane to the I-65 West Service Road. Once this project is complete, sidewalks will extend from Lavretta Park all the way to I-65. The sidewalk project has been approved by the City Council, and construction is expected to begin sometime next year. TVSH must first raise money for the engineering costs and the 20% matching funds, totaling around \$60,000. You can help! Please support the 2018 Sidewalk-A-Thon on Friday, April 27, to advance our initiative to build more sidewalks in the Village!

### Save the Date!

Watch for additional details of the 2018 Sidewalk-A-Thon, set for Friday, April 27. Registration will be from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m. on the grassy area beside the Moorer Library, and the walk will begin at 4:00 p.m. The walk will end with an after party on Dorn Field of Spring Hill College. Please join the walk to support the Sidewalk-A-Thon and add more sidewalks to the Village! Volunteers are always needed for the event. Please visit our website [www.TVOSH.com](http://www.TVOSH.com) for more details.

**THE VILLAGE**  
of Spring Hill  
**SIDEWALK-A-THON**  
2018  
MOBILE ALABAMA  
**Friday, April 27**



# Around the Roundabout

## ...and in the Middle

The roundabout at McGregor Avenue and Museum Drive has totally transformed the traffic pattern of what was once called malfunction junction. Since its completion TVSH has been working to enhance the area with landscaping. In phase #1 of our plan, over \$20,000 of Ligustrums and live oak trees were planted to encircle the perimeter with lush, green growth.



With the abundance of rain over the past several months, the new plantings have thrived. Funding for the trees was made possible through collaboration between TVSH and the **Mobile Tree Commission** and a special gift from the **Samford Foundation**. Phase #2

will include the planting of ornamental trees in the green spaces and the placement of more Old Mobile benches like those already in place in the Village. Phase #3 will focus on the center of the roundabout. Watch for something really special there!



*Ligustrum hedge along EMA fence line near the roundabout*

# What Is the Blue Building on North McGregor Avenue? ...a New/Old Concept

Eleven years ago a group of Spring Hill residents set out to initiate positive change in Spring Hill. The overwhelming desire of residents, property owners, and business owners was to make Spring Hill a truly walkable community with a real neighborhood sense of place. This is not actually a new concept but an old concept like neighborhoods once were before there was a major focus on automobiles and parking lots in front of buildings.

**Jeff and Cheryl Quinnelly** embraced this concept and began acquiring dilapidated houses along North McGregor Avenue and demolishing them to make room for their new/old development. The blue building, which will house a gift shop and art gallery on the first floor and office space on the second floor, is almost complete and is only the first of their planned seven buildings to be constructed in a row for small shops and offices. Their goal is to serve the surrounding neighborhoods with a development that will be pedestrian friendly and add to the ambiance of historic Spring Hill.



*Proposed build-out of Quinnelly development as submitted by the developer*

## Support Your Village

Your generous yearly donation invests directly in the community where you live when you support The Village of Spring Hill, Inc., and is KEY to continuing success in improving our Village.

- Friend: \$35 – 99
- Contributor: \$100 – 249
- Supporter: \$250 – 499
- Sustainer: \$500 – 999
- Patron: \$1,000 +

## Donate Today

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1. Make a check payable to "The Village of Spring Hill, Inc."
2. Please mail your check and this form to: **The Village of Spring Hill, Inc.**  
4358-B Old Shell Road #145  
Mobile, Alabama 36608

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# Holiday Happenings on the Hill

## Christmas on the Hill Santa Run

Christmas on the Hill is the FREE annual family event created and promoted by the **Spring Hill Merchants Association** and individual merchants of the area. Celebrate the season in your Village with special store hours and promotions, photos with Santa, children's activities, holiday refreshments, and MORE!

Join the 16th annual 2-mile fun run, walk, bike ride, dog walking family charity event! *Holiday costumes are encouraged!* Registration forms and information are available at **Carpe Diem Coffee & Tea Co.**

Save the Date!  
Sunday, Dec. 3  
1:00-5:00 p.m.



*Christmas on the Hill*



*Santa Run*

Visit the SHMA Facebook page at:  
[www.facebook.com/Springhillmerchantsassociation](http://www.facebook.com/Springhillmerchantsassociation)

Saturday, December 23, 2017, at 10:00 a.m.